

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

31 January 1985

Mr. Reginald W. Griffith
Executive Director
National Capital Planning Commission
1325 G Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Griffith:

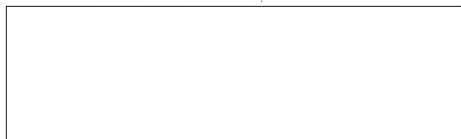
In response to your letter of 22 January 1985 concerning the construction activities adjacent Savile Lane, I want to assure you and the community that we are proceeding in strict accordance with the final site and building plans approved by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).

Some confusion may exist with respect to this portion of the project because of an interim use of this area for parking prior to construction of the Visitors Center. You will recall that Bid Package 1 included the grading and clearing of this area and that Bid Package 2, which has not yet been awarded, provided for construction of the Visitors Center and the additional landscaping adjacent to Savile Lane. This division of work was necessary in order to accommodate 35,000 cubic yards of fill from the hill excavation for the building foundations. Although this area has been temporarily lined for parking 158 cars, typically less than 15 cars are parked in this area.

There has been one modification to the Bid Packages which may create some delay in completing the construction in this area. Recent negotiations between the General Services Administration and the Small Business Administration (SBA) resulted in the Visitors Centers, site lighting, paving, and carpeting being identified as an SBA 8-A Set-Aside. Since SBA has yet to identify a contractor for negotiations, the exact timing for the start of this work cannot be projected. However, our in-house planning is anticipating a midsummer start of construction.

We wish to reiterate our commitment to the project plans approved by NCPC and would like to extend an invitation to you and your staff to tour the construction site.

Sincerely,



Chief, New Building Project Office

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- Adse's ltr to C/NBPO dtd 22 Jan 85
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Dear [REDACTED]

We have recently received a letter from Mr. Eugene L. Kilcullen, President of the Downscrest Citizens Association, expressing concern about the construction and screening of the new visitors center at the Langley site. Consistent with the telephone conversation between [REDACTED] of your staff and Robert Gresham of our staff on January 18, 1985, we are transmitting a copy of Mr. Kilcullen's letter to facilitate your providing us with a report on the status of construction affecting the visitors center area.

We understand that you will adhere to the construction and landscaping plans approved by the Commission, and we look forward to receiving your assurance to transmit to Mr. Kilcullen. Thank you for your assistance in responding to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

*Reginald W. Griffith*Reginald W. Griffith
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Enclosure

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Dear Sir:

Reference: NCPC File No. 2303.

I would like to call your attention to my letter of March 28, 1984 and your response of April 12, 1984 relative to the screening of the proposed Visitors Center at the Central Intelligence Agency from the homes on Savile Lane. Your letter indicated that "the final plans in the second bid package will include considerable additional landscaping in the more sparsely wooded area just east of the visitors center site" and "this should further reinforce the screening of the visitor center activities from the Savile Lane homes".


I testified before the commission during the review of Bid Package No. 2 on June 28, 1984 relative to this problem and was again assured by the commission and the CIA representatives that adequate screening would be provided. The extent of the construction was indicated by the CIA as a low-lying building for visitor control with a limit of 40 parking spaces located immediately adjacent to the existing entrance road. This had grown from an initial concept presented to the surrounding communities by the CIA of a small low-lying visitors center with 12 parking spaces.

Since then the CIA has constructed an extensive parking lot on the site and has removed at least 1/3 of the sparse screening which has existed. The parking lot includes spaces for over 200 vehicles, and this is five times as many as indicated by the CIA in the NCPC review. The visual impact on Savile Lane residences is severe.

The residents of this community would appreciate a review of this situation by the Commission and an enforcement of prior agreements relative to effective screening of CIA activities along the entrance road to the facility.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Eugene L. Kilcullen
President

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